



MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

January 11, 2016

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Chair, Bob Edwards, called the January 11, 2016 meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

In Attendance

The following were present:

Members: Chair Bob Edwards, Vice Chair Mandy Owens, Barry Mathison, James Edwards, JaneAnn Oldrup, and Roy Gunn.

Staff Present included Parks and Recreation Director Tim Williams, Parks Superintendent Jim Burress, Recreation Superintendent Laurie Jerge, Damian Cheatem, Elaine Mayfield and Administrative Assistant Lisa Rosales.

Others:

Richard Garcia, Virginia Garcia, David Gray, Larry Connolly, Jeff Tucker, Juan Oropesa, Vanessa Tarango, and Kevin Dillon

Approval of Agenda

Roy Gunn made a motion, seconded by Mandy Owens, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor motion carried, the January 11, 2016 agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

JaneAnn Oldrup made a motion, seconded by James Edwards, to approve the November 16, 2015 minutes as presented, all were in favor and motion carried, the November 16, 2015 minutes were approved.

Non-Action Items

2. Update of Yucca Center

Mr. Williams stated that due to the snow the Yucca has had many leaks and the center is being evaluated. The Yucca Recreation staff is being transferred to the Adult center for the time being. Laurie Jerge will be the lead for the move, staff being moved include Laurie Jerge, Damian Cheatem, Cuic Gonzalez, Sara Hall, Daniel Franco, April Hunter, Charlie Ward, Andrew Manzanares, Vicki Stringer, and Floyd Bell. Shirley Williams will be moved from the Adult Center to the Parks and Recreation Office.

3. Youth Sports Participation Numbers- Damian Cheatem

At the November 2015 Commission meeting Damian gave a review over the league participation numbers and Barry Mathison noticed the Noon Optimus numbers were incorrect. Damian stated after speaking with the league he is confident the revised numbers are correct and gave an updated report to the Commission.

4. State of the City Address Projects- Tim Williams

Mr. Williams stated that Mayor Kintigh was going to do a State of the City Address and has requested accomplishments from the department for the year. Mr. Williams submitted items such as new Park Amenities, tree removals, the Cielo Grande Turf Restoration Project and the General Douglas McBride Veterans Cemetery.

5. Park Update- Jim Burress

Jim Burress wasn't able to attend the meeting so Mr. Williams spoke on his behalf. Mr. Williams stated that currently Mr. Burress has been focused on numerous projects at the Spring River Park and Zoo. Projects such as new railroad ties, redoing the picket fence on the crane exhibit, replacing sewer lines, leveling and re-graveling the parking lot.

6. Report on Upcoming Events- Laurie Jerge

Laurie Jerge stated with the staff relocations it will be a great opportunity for the employees to work together as a team and not be divided by facilities. The staff is working hard on making sure the Cinco de Mayo event will be the best.

Action Items

7. Recommendation to infrastructure of naming of splash pad

The ground breaking of the splash pad was November 2015 and we'd like to recommend the name of the splash pad as the Bert Murphy Splash Pad. JaneAnn motioned to recommend the naming of the splash seconded by James Edwards. All were in favor.

8. Recommendation of the new Recreation Center Architect to Infrastructure Committee

Huitt-Zollars was found to be the best to take on the new Recreation Center. JaneAnn Oldrup made a motion, seconded by Mandy Owens to recommend the Huitt-Zollars as the Architect to the Infrastructure Committee, all were in favor.

9. Recommendation of Naming the New Recreation Center to Infrastructure Committee

JaneAnn motioned, seconded by James Edwards to send the recommendation of naming the New Recreation Center as the Cesar Chavez Recreation Center to the Infrastructure Committee. All were in favor. Juan Oropesa stated that the mayor informed him that the Infrastructure committee would not hear the recommendation but that the General Service Committee would.

Other Business

Public Comments

Adjourn

JaneAnn Oldrup made a motion, seconded by Barry Mathison to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Next Meeting 2/8/2016.